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## **Salem Convention Center Awarded Prestigious LEED Green Building Certification**

### ***One of only two Salem buildings to receive the LEED-EB Silver Certification***

**Salem, Ore.** –The Salem Convention Center has been awarded LEED-EB Silver Certification for implementing practical and measurable strategies and solutions aimed at achieving high performance in: sustainable site development, water savings, energy efficiency, materials selections, and indoor environmental quality. The Silver Certification is one step higher than what the Convention Center was awarded in 2010.

The LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) rating system, developed by the U.S. Green Building Council, is the foremost program for buildings, homes, and communities that are designed, constructed, maintained, and operated for improved environmental and human health performance.

LEED-EB references a type of certification, Existing Buildings. EB means the initial LEED designation was completed following building construction and is a less common designation. The Convention Center is one of two buildings in Salem to currently have Silver Certification for an existing building. There are currently only 15 buildings in the state of Oregon with LEED-EB Silver Certification. The majority of LEED designated projects are New Construction, in which designation occurred during the construction process.

Certification status requires re-application every five years and signifies a dedication towards sustainability throughout the facility and internal practices. The certification process began 18 months ago. Project partners included Salem Convention Center staff, the City of Salem Urban Development Department, and engineering consultant firm, AECOM.

For specific questions regarding Salem’s LEED Certification process, please contact Sara Long at [slong@cityofsalem.net](mailto:slong@cityofsalem.net) or 503-589-2065. Si necesita ayuda para comprender esta información, por favor llame 503-588-6178.

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